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Backsliding in Old Are.

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My First Circuit.

reminiscences to the memory of the itiner-

ant preacher. My first Circuit! How

often is this in the mind and on the lip of

the old soldier of the cross! Memory

runs back. The preparation for leaving

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Partry.

Death of a Child.

There was an idle lyre Mid heaven's choral band ; A messenger was summoned To hear his Lord's command-That from among earth's children Some favored one be'd bring, Who had a skilful finger, To sweep the golden string,

Q, high and holy honor! Whose shall the glory be, To make a music fitting The ear of Deity? What mighty minstrel, laurelled With wreath which fame has given, Shall now be counted worthy To join the ranks of heaven?

No master-mind, whose spirit Might lift itself to hymn The praise of the Eternal With burning somethin Nor one whose life had lingered Till age had quenched its fire, Is from earth's myriads chosen To touch that silent lyre.

A little child was playing Beside his mother's knee, Unconscious of the honor That was his destiny; The angel bent above him, And breathed the low command, And ere another morning The lyre was in his hand.

Ah! is the mother weeping Because her baby boy Is tasting purer pleasure, And feeling holier joy. Than she could ever yield him With her most southing tone, While yet the darling's bosom Was pillowed on her own?

We know that she will miss him : Unworn his gu ments lie. And every way she turneth There's something meets her eye That marks his mournful absence : And from his vacant bed, Like Ruchel in her sorrow, She turns uncomforted.

Mourns she that he is taken Where not a human passion Shall mor his quiet more? Oh ! could she hear the sweetness Of his angelic strain, Not life's best gifts could tempt her To call him back again!

Though transient was his visit To this blank world of ours, The pleasant buds of promise Gave pledge of early flowers.

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Shall we Have a Revival of Religion? rooms of promoting verticals.

preacher in his study, hims appropri- such occasion, properly observed ate topics of discourse, gives pathos to to the faith and unity of a church. shares his leisure moments, and breaks thy people, O Lord, and give not thine in upon his hurried hours. "Shall we have a revival of religion?" asks the "Mother in Israel," as in the secret place she holds up the church and the people in prayer before the throne of God. Frequently cries from the pious heart, "Shall we see the church growing into the likeness of Christ, the wayward reclaimed and sinners converted? Shall Zion be enlarged, her it is for brethren to dwell together in gates crowded with converts, and the trophies of the cross be multiplied?" Every member cherishing hattred towards his brethren, destroys

to the disciples of Jesus, but seeming His work. now to demand peculiar attention. A glance at obvious facts will satisfy ceive the immediate and cheerful supus of this

as the end of Christianity, rather than to use them as providential aids in achieving its high purpose—the conversion of souls. These things have their ings might be held to great profit. the church, and that is the converting Let the experiment be tried, preachers

bring men to Christ.

To speak of the hostility of the world may seem trite. But a foe that meets us at every turn, should at every turn receive a lance.

The storms of persecution gave the reformers their iron nerves, and an integrity more durable than iron. Now the scene is changed. The world makes obeisance to the church, lays at her feet a few sheaves from its well-filled granaries, pays her sparing compliments on occasions of state or general interest, and to a hasty observer might seem her willing handmaid.

But the calm is illusory. For the' the fire is no longer kindled to illuminate conscience, nor the stocks employed to straighten the crooks of theology, the world is thoroughly anti-Christian; not because it directly opposes, but be cause, while volunteering a smile at some of the practical results of religion, it habitually ignores vital piety. In the works of science, literature and general learning, the name of Christ rarely appears, except in historic allusions, and regeneration is a thing unmentioned. In fact, the scheme of modern education generally proceeds on the hypothesis that experimental piety, if possible, is useless, and that man must develop and mould himself. The popular expression is in substance this, "Piety is well enough for the weak, but we are above this cant and whine about experience;" and this cold, contemptuous sucer does more towards the backsliding of professors than could be done by the fagget or the prison .-Many, cowering before this spirit, hide their light till it expires, and then cease to cherish even the form of godliness. This is the bright picture of the world sketch. Sin is prolific in resources, revival the present year." and the workers of iniquity cease not till they have caused some to fall. As the keen-eved marksmen from their narrow rifle-pits along the lines at Sebastopol, shot down their enemies' officers and gunners, so the wicked in our cities and populous towns are shooting down their chosen victims from the ranks of the virtuous and the young. The enginery of hell is incessantly active; and shall the servants of God

slumber, or measure out their efforts with a spaying hand, when souls are in north, and glass rewards their tells? -May God pily the professor of religion but can look men the opposition of the world, and the verages of sin, and not are one from me to, for all the heart, of Lord, revive thy work." We offer a few sugge from as to the

Let every church appoint a day or This question hanns the facility by for faring and prover. Every

his prayers, and often salates his ears ... Assemble the elders," "gather the amid his pastoral duties. It arrests children," and let the ministers of the the attention of the pious member in Lord weep between the porch and the his private walks and public pursuits, altar, and let them "all" say, "Spare

wayward reclaimed and sinners con- Christ. "How good and how pleasant

These are questions ever appropriate much good, and opposes the Lord and The Prayer Meetings should re-

With the rapid increase of wealth of membership in a church implies duand the multiplication of means for individual and social enjoyment, there is is that of attending its religious gatha corresponding exhibition of fashion- erings. Whoever abandons these for able life and worldliness in the church. a trivial cause is recreant to God and Great allowances, we admit, must be to his most sacred responsibilities .made for changes consequent upon the The regular prayer meetings of the developments of taste peculiar to the church are not held for the few, for age, but it is searcely possible to dis- the particularly pious ones, but for all; guise the fact, that many who have that the weak may be strengthened, consecrated themselves at the altar of the wayward reclaimed, the despondbaptism, and by a solemn profession ing cheered, and the worldly-minded have renounced every form of sin, ex- aroused to new spiritual life. The auchibit far more of the spirit of the world cess of the ministry depends largely than a true and living piety. Such upon the aid rendered by the members persons may cherish a hope, but it is in the support of the means of grace. searcely better than the hope of the Did this fact penetrate their hearts, hypocrite. They must be revived, or aye, did the officers of the church feel it as they should, the present would be There is evidently an increasing ten- a year of jubilee through the land .dency to trust in incidental agencies. Should the official brethren zealously Elegant churches, refined music, co-operate with their pastors. +1. meniflourishing Sabbath Schools, and well bership could speedily be roused to acdirected social organizations, have some power for good; but there seems to be a growing disposition to look upon these Brethren, let the rallying cry be heard

uses, but woe to the churches when The events daily transpiring under the they are accepted as substitutes for the direction of the political leaders, sugpillar of cloud and of fire. We are in gest the inquiry whether the churches danger of sliding into a lifeless formal-might not, with proper efforts, do far ity, and into a settled distrust of the more than at present to arouse the converting agency of the Holy Ghost. slumbering masses to a sense of their Culture may improve the flower, but religious obligations. Let delegations the power of God alone can call it into go occasionally from one church to anolife. Elequence, taste and learning ther to kindle anew the camp-fires of have their offices in the church, but they must not usurp that of the Holy ers of Christ would greatly inflame Ghost, no: be counted signs of regentheir zeal, and create a unity of feeling eration. One thing only is essential to of the highest value to the church .-

power of God. Whatever else it may and people feeling that they have a

do, the church is a failure unless it | common Master, and a common work; that they are not called to seek the weal of this or that society alone, but weal of this or that society alone, but to bring the greatest possible number open sin in the latter post of their reliof souls to Christ.

A prival must be resolved upon.— It is a startling and the start I Christians certainly desire a revival, think you will find it the book at all but desire is powerless till it leads to the cases of back-liding manuful in the volition. Let no one fancy himself Bible. Did they not, ware to of them, ready for this work, till he has resolved occur late in life : The he was Farri. In

in his inmost soul to accomplish it .- the days of his youth a Whorly wanhood, Were the members of the churches an- a pattern of Lath and devotion. In adimated by a high and holy purpose to vanced life guilty of run der und adultery, seek out the lost, and secure their conversion, did they feel an individual responsibility, so as to resolve at once just about to enter the upon the accomplishment of this work, Look at Hezekuth, the whatever its cost to character and com- kiah." in land fort, the time of our darkness would vout. The soon be ended, and the day-star from special gift and a on high would shine upon Zion, as of la vault to old the pillar of fire shone on the camp bringing " and Jerusalem." Ne. vie. 14th Asiah. So.

In addition to all that has been said, too, with Jelessehat. And back around there must be present faith, or faith for present blessings. The preacher must go into the pulpit with faith for immediate results, and the members of the present blessings. immediate results, and the members tian profession. This fact (is it not a must gather to their class and prayer fact?) seems to me to teach several lesmeetings, with an ardent faith for the sons of deep and solemn importance. immediate displays of divine power.—

Nothing will avail but faith, that claims has of late forced itself into my attention, the presence of God this very hour, no viz: That in ease of very many of God's matter what the circumstances may be. In the house, the store, the workshop, trials came late in life. God, in his tenand in the sanctuary, brother, let thy from falling away from their steadfastness, faith claim the manifestations of the and bringing reproach upon his cause. Spirit to men now!

Other suggestions we must omit. - and confirmed by observation, ought to But we ask for the question we have make Christians as they advance in life, proposed an affirmative response, from more and more watchful and distrustful of the east and from the west, from the themselves.—Parish Visitor. north and from the south. Let there be one voice and one faith through all the borders of Israel, "By the help of the darker, pens and pencils fail to Israel's God we must, we shall have a These Conference seasons bring up many Zion's Herald.

Sunday Trains.

At the annual meeting of the Stock- home; the horse; the saddle-bags; the holders of the North Carolina Railroad pocket-Bible; the Hymn-Book; the sad Company held in Raleigh, in July, farewell; a mother's tears and a mother's blessing; the anxious thought and fearful 1856, on motion of Hon. D. L. Swain, blessing; the anxious the forebodings! How will I be received?—

"Resolved, That in the opinion of I fail, and disgrace myself and dishonor the Stockholders, the due observance the Church? How humble, how dependof the Christian Sabbath is a duty no ent, how prayerful! Have I lost my first less imperative upon this Corporation love? Has my zeal abated, and do I feel than upon the citizens of the State, that I can live without those Christian and that the Stockholders do not ap- graces onen The above resolution was passed in good appoint July. If the Directory, who alone can Can I iii ii carry late effect the wish of the Stock. God, and say holders in the matter, have con teasended to give the subject a moment's cises when thought, we have no knowledge of the ministry. A fact. If a farmer were to namess up tual in filling is horse regularly every sunday mora-diffgent in a

ing, and proceed to his plough, he would scudy -tobe looked upon as a heathen, hardly at careful as visiting the flock -how regular for a civilized, christian country. But in holding class-meetings and attending than Advocace. an association of men, acting under a on the stor! Have I as much zeal and impunity.

There is a responsibility—an individe or if a thin her his first laye. These and ual responsibility-somewhere for this simi an illetone would likely be profit by violation of law human and divine. — at o road Director answer this question for

In a moral point of view, what would and selling goods all day on Sundays N. C. day is the growing to whatever secular ocen. By for the growing our styles a pation you follow, or requiring your now upon recent? We can see a time time the Conference throughout the Care till eve on the day set apart as a day of rest and religious improvement?

rest and religious improvement? If it is important that man and beast our townships. L. t. Flathard viz. 16th and the first of the fact of the fac "rest from their labors," surely the flower-garden grawling up a slic same scale agents and laborers connected with the One bloom and he a solid crimson, ratio various railroads should be included in as day-break, the one day ages this humane provision. It is useless to white the the spew flow and two mince the matter. This sunday train running is morally and religiously wrong, and to our mind the iniquity rests on the skirts of the Directory individually and collectively.

It may be pleaded, that the Company has engaged to transport the U. S

has engaged to transport the U. S. Mail on Sunday as well other days. - Contact Real to a curlos de There was no necessity for making these who have a laney to such an engagement; and we have no consider refered doubt the Department would release the Company from this part of the contract if applied to, in an earnest manner.

Postmasters and all others connected with the mail or railroad service, have a right to claim the same Sabbath privileges that are vouchedsafe to other i vation to him who is constantly engaged six days in the week, to be debarred from attending Church, instructing Lis children, and resting in the bosom of his family, on the seventh. Will those who have the power, carry out the expressed wishes of the Stockholders in this matter, and also comply with public sentiment therein, by abating the evil of Sunday Trains? We shall sec. For a people professing christianity, it is a shame that so little regard is paid to the Sabbath by those in power, w instead of permitting it to be thus needlessly desecrated, should set an example of reverence for the day which was blessed and hallowed" for all men.

Greensboro Patriot. DECLINES .- The title of D. D. was conferred on the Rev. John B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., at the recent commencement of the Columbian College, but the Religious Herald states that he declines accepting it

RALEIGH, FRIDAY AS TORR 24, 1856.

trust in God and do right. A girl who Bro. C., who travels that Circuit, | has done n wrong has little cause to preached from Luke, c. 10, v. 42 .-Did it ever occur to will than the tians mind before than after marriage." gious course, than in the cartier stages?

An Essay on Man.

At ten, a child; at twenty, wild; At thirty, tame, if ever : At forty, wise; at fifty, rich; At sixty, good, or never.'

Convicted or Merden .- At Randolph Superior Court, Judgo Pearson presiding, Alexander Hooker, a young man about 22 years G. W. F., who serves the C. F. Mis-

est and spectators present.

Original.

ticed in your paper several spirited ar- my young Bro. C. to do, in his notice ticles on the subject of erecting a first- of revivals on his Circuit. In the afclass Male College in North Carolina; ternoon of Saturday, the congregation and also some suggestions in regard to increased greatly. have a general expression of opinion and twenty dollars. Well done, I upon the subject. And then let us act thought; worthy of the man who did

Kinston, Oct. 1856.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate, A Trip to Topsail Circuit.

portant to me? My did not ask, " Is it a been spending with Bro. Clegg in the God be all the glorylower part of his Circuit, on Topsail k, do my duty, honor ? Many an dimercon Sound. We have spent the week pleus. the Lord was there, and the people ten I the work of the had liberty-intense to stay liberty to Caronit! How pure- exhort, liberty to sing, liberty to shout, we whose especiative or when a con-

THE COMME SALE SHING OF THEM INCH AT LOCKING A legislative charter, may regularly described and with a substant state of preaching charter than a gradual work of preaching charter and him are glad. There were twenty soil has great work of preaching Christ and him brace of the state of the bas grown in great. There were twenty so the state of the bas grown in great, and the state of the bas grown in great, and is still going on—to His last and about providing for on succession to the state of the base would likely be profitable at or case a contractors.

There were twenty so the state work between boursing, we have not not any to the base been boursing, we have not not any to the base of the

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week will make a state of the territory of the state of the w.m. and carb late in - . more

mourn over the fickleness of a pretend- We all felt 'twas a good sermon, blessed ed lover. Better he would change his of God. At night I tried to preach, from John, c. 3, v. 14; did a small business; trespassed a very short time on the time and patience of the cougregation, for which brevity I have no

doubt they were glad. The Presiding Elder closed with a stirring vanortation; mendad up my crippled talk; and we had a good time. Saturday morning, at 8 o'clock, Bro.

of age, was convicted of murdering John stor, preached. His text was, 12th Chavis, a married man, who had reduced the and 13th verses, 51st Psalu ; 'twas a prisoner's sister under the most aggravated and form terses, old I sain. Twas a estances. The verdict of marrier, eve. ense exchement, and a perison zentous mun, labors hard, and is very for for a nursion, was signed by Justilel. The will show perceive that he Grand Jury, members of the is care all to preserve relies of the olden Lines, cold church walls, and such saered, some of other days.) . I love Bro. F. much. At 11 o clock ? presched, from the best verse, 3d chapter of Acts: did the best I could. "Such as I had For the N. C. Christian Advocate. gave I them, in the name of Jesus A Methodist College in North Carolina. Christ of Nazareth. Mourners came to the altar; some were converted. 1 MR. EDITOR: I have recently no- won't particularize. I leave that for

the preparatory steps necessary to be Sunday morning came, weather fine, taken. The subject is one of great air balmy, and everything around beauimportance, both to the Church and tiful. It having been announced the State, and should be carefully and day before by the P. E. that he would prayerfully considered. That we need preach a missionary sermon and take a "first class College," I think no up a collection at 11 o'clock, the great careful observer will deny. And that congregation assembled promptly. A our ability is equal to our necessity, fine one it was, I assure you. Beauty none will question, when they remem- and intelligence, the fair exponents of ber that already we have contributed that community, were now collected in money enough to sustain Colleges in front the sand. The P. E. (you know the adjoining States to have erected how he graces a pulpit,) arose to reone in cur own, upon a basis that would deem his promise and do his Master's have warranted success. I have, sir, work. He did redeem his promise for years entertained the same opinions fully. His text was and is still to be as set forth by "Old North State," in found in the 23d chapter and 5th verse his spirited articles. And I hope that of Jeremiah. He preached well, begthe brethren will come out and let us ged hard, and collected one hundred

J. J. H. it. They gave readily and liberally. I am going to a camp-meeting soon in my diggings. I hope they will do so for me. At night we had a good meeting. Many were converted. Brothers Brooks, Chadwick, Pigott, and DEAR BRO. HEFLIN: We have been Sleight, who tented on the ground, were all blessed by the conversion of having a vacation of a week in our were all blessed by the conversion of one to two of their children each. To

> For the N. C. thristian Advances To Preachers' Wives.

liberty to give money for the Missian- FREET FARE AND A COLUMN

The gots' Lord is corrying on a gra- ball grass and other with a certain

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study-they build him at office. These are a noble-hearted Chr stite people, whom ministers delight to ... A choice cirout in that. There are other sandel ein coits in our conferents, and if it were proper in this place to do so, I could tell of their kindness to preach thuilies. Yes, I wish them to know that their kindnes. is appreciated, and not soon forgotten by mose who have enjoyed their hospitalities. Many of us can testify to their unbounded liberality. Unlike some Methodists we have heard of, who would neither give nor sell to the preacher's family, they take pleasure to dividing with them the good things of this life. May the Lord reward there as bandred fold.

But we cannot always go to these choice circuis and stations On companions must go and prevels to the sulfield and an kind who have souls to save, and it become necessary for as an direct enemy them. houses or disagreeable it may be. W. rate the openies as we do? for herroe - fur way

towards making it "for better. A few words about providing for ore successors, and I close for the present. There are racey little dlines that we eno lo for each other, which ought to be attended to as far as practicable. We have gardens, let us leave cabbage, turnips, beets, parsnips, &c., as though we expected to be returned to the circuit. We know how bad it is to be without vegetables. And I think we ought to put up pickles and preserves for each other. If all would do this, it would prove a mutual benefit. It is true there are some communities where the neighbors take this trouble off of our hands; but . hey are "few and far between." Also, leave a morsel or two of something more substantial, that may last until they can look about and buy for themselves .-Church members should do this, but if we know they will not, let us provide for each other. Have you ever gone into a parsonage with a family, and after staying all night found you had nothing to cook for breakfast? This is a disagreeable feeling, I assure you, but some of us have experienced it. We will not say what we thought of our Methodist neighbors in that community. In cities or market towns these difficulties do not exist, but they are feit in villages which afford no market.

Leaving every thing in good order and well secured, we bid adieu to the parsonngo for the present. Yours, truly. Oct. 10th, 1856.

For the Children.

The Bee.

Protty bee, pray tell me why These considers to firm you by Callus sweets he lively day.

Never leaving off to play? thinly child. I'll bell she wire Let the cause the Prince I coult the youth to riphe ...